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line 28, change "invention" to --embodiment--; and

line 29, change "invention" to --embodiment--.

Page 6, line 5, change "invention" to --embodiment--; and

line 9, change "invention" to --embodiment--.

Page 23, line 25, change "transmits" to --reflects--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8-10, 14-16 and 18-20 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A dichroic prism comprising:

four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of at least one [said] of said four rectangular prisms protruding from the rectangular surfaces of other ones of said rectangular prisms, and

a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said at least one rectangular prism, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said other ones of said rectangular prisms.

5² (Twice Amended) A dichroic prism comprising:

four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and

a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular prisms.

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 14 (Twice Amended) A [projection display apparatus] projector, comprising:
 an illumination optical system for emitting illumination light;
 colored light separation means for separating the illumination light into lights
 of three colors;
 three light modulation means for modulating the three colored lights based on
 a given image signal;
 a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism
 having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a
 first surface part of at least one of said four rectangular prisms protruding from the
 rectangular surfaces of other ones of said rectangular prisms, and a dichroic film formed on a
 second surface part of said at least one rectangular prism, said second surface part not
 protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said other ones of said rectangular prisms; and
 a projection optical system for projecting the lights synthesized by said
 dichroic prism.

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 15 (Amended) A prism unit, comprising:
 a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism
 having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a
 first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular
 prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second
 rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and a dichroic film formed on a second
 surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from
 said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular
 prisms; and
 a prism stand for mounting said dichroic prism thereon, said prism stand
 having a step that matches a step of said dichroic prism.

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10.(Amended) A [projection display apparatus] projector, comprising:

an illumination optical system for emitting illumination light;

colored light separation means for separating the illumination light into lights
of three colors;

three light modulation means for modulating the three colored lights based on
a given image signal;

a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism
having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a
first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular
prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second
rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and a dichroic film formed on a second
surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from
said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular
prisms; and

a projection optical system for projecting the lights synthesized by said
dichroic prism.

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(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to claim 8,

said first surface part being provided with a light diffusing layer for diffusing light.

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(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to

claim 12, said light diffusing layer being an adhesive layer.

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(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to

claim 12, said light diffusing layer being a ground glass layer.

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(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to

claim 17, said two adjoining rectangular prisms in said first rectangular prism pair being fixed
in a state shifted from each other in the longitudinal direction so that they form a step.

19. (Amended) A projection display method, comprising:

emitting an illumination light;

separating the illumination light into lights of three colors;

modulating the three colored lights based on a given image signal;

synthesizing the lights using a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of at least one of said four rectangular prisms protruding from the rectangular surfaces of other ones of said rectangular prisms, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said at least one rectangular prism, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said other ones of said rectangular prisms; and

projecting the lights synthesized by said dichroic prism.

20. (Amended) A projection display method, comprising:

emitting an illumination light;

separating the illumination light into lights of three colors;

modulating the three colored lights based on a given image signal;

synthesizing the lights using a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular prisms; and

projecting the lights synthesized by said dichroic prism.